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Early Intervention with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children and Families

****PARENT ADVISORS****

SKI-HI PROGRAM

When a baby is identified with hearing loss, the family should be referred to a local First Steps Intake Coordinator. This Intake Coordinator will work with the chosen Service Coordinator to present all available early intervention services, including those offered by the Outreach Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children (www.deaf-kids.org). The Service Coordinator will collaborate with the SKI-HI Program Co-coordinator, Lori Dille, to have a Parent Advisor matched to the family. The **Parent Advisor** will become the family's "coach" while the family learns all about raising their Deaf or Hard of Hearing baby.

The **Parent Advisor** is trained and certified to provide information using the SKI-HI Curriculum (<http://www.skihi.org/home.html>). This curriculum includes wonderful information to help guide the family through various areas involving hearing loss, language development, communication opportunities, assistive technology, and baby/child development. The current listing of Parent Advisors received six days of training by the SKI-HI Institute last January/February, 2005. Lori Dille maintains the registry of certified Parent Advisors and communicates with the First Steps Webmaster on new additions and/or changes.

Lori Dille, who is also the Parent Infant Program Coordinator with Outreach Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children, can be contacted at the following places:
317-920-6262 (TTY/V) and/or LDille@isd.k12.in.us.

The Early Intervention Program at the Outreach Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children will provide ongoing individual and team meetings with the **Parent Advisors**. The Coordinator is Jodee Crace. She can be contacted at the following places: 317-920-6262 (TTY/V) and/or JCrace@isd.k12.in.us.

To get a concise description of the **SKI-HI Program**, [click here](#).

To learn what the role of a **Parent Advisor** is, [click here](#).

To obtain samples of **SKI-HI Curriculum Topics**, [click here](#).

The SKI-HI Parent Advising Program is a collaborative effort between the Indiana State Department of Health's Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program, First Steps, and Outreach Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children.

**** If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a Parent Advisor, please contact Jodee Crace or Lori Dille at the contact information above.**